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Dear Santa Clara County Officials,

I am asking you to do all in your power to preserve (vs. destroy) Sargent Ranch's important natural features and its cultural features. It would be wrong to allow an expanded quarry there.

As you well know, the ancient site there of Juristac has for centuries (including to the present) been spiritually significant for the Amah Mutsun people. Since the 1790s, they have endured too many insults, attacks, and destructive deeds done by Spanish, Mexican, & American officials who put into effect unjust laws, and land grabs that were harmful to the indigenous people. The Amah Mutsun certainly deserve our utmost respect for their efforts to maintain and strengthen their heritage, which includes preserving the Juristac site at Sargent's Ranch.

Each of the places where I've lived (Hollister, Watsonville, & Santa Cruz) have been relatively close to Sargent Ranch. In 1977, when I took at geology class at Gavilan College, we learned about the geology of the ranch and its oil field. I have a lifetime of driving on Highways 101, 25 and 129, which have taken me near each of the outers sides of Sargent Ranch. Since the 1970s, I have studied Sargent Ranch's history and followed the plans for "development." Thus, I feel a closer to connection to this special land than might some others.

As a primary grades teacher and lover of history, I have both learned and taught a great deal about the various Ohlone peoples, including the Mutsun, whom I was researching yet again all of this week. Through my studies and personal connections, I have long been aware of Juristac and its ancient and deep meaning for the Amah Mutusn people.

I know of the great importance of wildlife corridors (such as between the Santa Cruz Mountains and Diablo Range)--after decades of taking natural history classes and hiking througout the parks of the larger area around Sargent Ranch.

For all of the reasons, I ask you to protect this unique and incredibly important part of Santa Clara County. Please vote down any expansion of the quarry, and instead work with

the Amah Mutsun and Committe for Green Foothills to provide permanent protection for Sargent Ranch.

Thank you,



Santa Cruz, CA